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Inventors: Czeiger *et al.*
Our Ref: 0987.0060000/EJK

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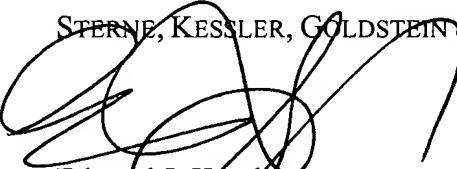
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OTHER (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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AS	1	Rajagopal, et al., "Fibre Channel Over TCP/IP (FCIP), IPS Working Group, The Internet Engineering Task Force, available at < www.ietf.org/proceedings/01mar/l-D/ips-fcovertcip-01.txt >, November 2000, pages 1-24.	
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